

ABSTRACT

An electrical connector comprises a terminal block and a housing. The terminal block has an electric wire receiving passageway that communicates with a spring receiving passageway. The terminal block moves between a pre-latched position and a locked position. The housing is provided with a contact having a piercing member for piercing a sheathing member of an electric wire. The piercing member urges the electric wire toward the spring receiving passageway when the terminal block is moved to the locked position. A spring member is arranged in the spring receiving passageway. The spring member has a contact retaining portion for urging the electric wire toward the piercing member as the piercing member urges the electric wire toward the contact retaining portion. A support arm additionally presses the electric wire toward the piercing member.